

Exhibit A

**PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

The undersigned, Klaus Vandewalle and Tiny Ergo, on behalf of KBC Asset Management NV ("KBC"), on account of its funds listed in Schedule A (the "Fund"), declare the following as to the claims asserted, or to be asserted, under the federal securities laws:

1. We have reviewed a complaint against CenturyLink, Inc. ("CenturyLink") and designate Motley Rice LLC as proposed lead counsel for KBC in this action for all purposes.
2. We are duly authorized to institute legal action on behalf of KBC and the Funds' behalf, including litigation against CenturyLink and any other defendants.
3. The Funds did not purchase or sell the security that is the subject of this litigation at the direction of plaintiff's counsel or in order to participate in any private action under the federal securities laws.
4. KBC is willing to serve as a lead plaintiff and understands that a lead plaintiff is a representative party who acts on behalf of other class members in directing the action, and whose duties may include testifying at deposition and trial. KBC also understands that, if appointed Lead Plaintiff in this action, it will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court and will be bound by all rulings of the Court, including rulings regarding any judgments.
5. KBC will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party beyond the Funds' *pro rata* share of any recovery, except reasonable costs and expenses, such as lost wages and travel expenses, directly related to the class representation, as ordered or approved by the Court.
6. KBC has not sought to serve as a lead plaintiff or representative party on behalf of a class in any action under the federal securities laws filed during the three-year period preceding the date of this Certification, except as detailed below:

In re Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. Sec. Litig., No. 1:14-cv-05197 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 9, 2014);

Aruliah v. Impax Laboratories, Inc., No. 3:14-cv-03673 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 14, 2014);

In re American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 1:15-mc-00040 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 29, 2014);

St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund, et al. v. Bryant, No. 4:14-cv-03428 (S.D. Tex. Feb. 2, 2015);

In re LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 3:15-cv-00347 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 24, 2015);

International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers Local #6 Pension Fund v. International Business Machines Corp., No. 1:15-cv-02492 (S.D.N.Y. May 1, 2015);

Union Asset Management Holding AG v. SanDisk Corp., No. 3:15-cv-01455 (N.D. Cal. May 29, 2015);

KBC Asset Management NV v. 3D Systems Corp., No. 0:15-cv-02393 (D.S.C. Aug. 18, 2015);

Martin v. GNC Holdings, Inc., No. 2:15-cv-01522 (W.D. Pa. Dec. 28, 2015); *Gorrie v. GNC Holdings, Inc.*, No. 3:15-cv-02037 (D. Ore. Dec. 28, 2016).

Horowitz v. SunEdison, Inc., No. 4:15-cv-01769 (E.D. Mo. Feb. 1, 2016);

Murphy v. Precision Castparts Corp., No. 3:16-cv-00521 (D. Ore. May 27, 2016); and

Shenwick v. Twitter, Inc., No. 3:16-cv-05314 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 15, 2016).

7. KBC understands that this is not a claim form, and that its ability to share in any recovery as a member of the class is unaffected by its decision to serve as a representative party.

8. Attached hereto as Schedule A is a complete listing of all transactions the Funds made during the Class Period in the security that is the subject of this litigation. KBC will provide records of those transactions upon request.

9. KBC is also represented and counseled in this matter by its attorney, Deborah M. Sturman of Sturman LLC.

We declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief.

Executed this 18th day of July 2017.

For KBC Asset Management NV:



Klaus Vandewalle
Managing Director



Tiny Ergo
Managing Director

Schedule A
CenturyLink, Inc. (US1567001060)
Class Period: 03/01/2013 - 06/19/2017

<u>KBC Asset Management NV</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
INDEX FUND - UNITED STATES			
Purchases:	8/21/2014	1,083.00	40.91
	1/25/2016	3,237.00	23.75
	2/16/2017	3,580.00	24.28
INDEX FUND - WORLD			
Purchases:	9/4/2014	1,479.00	41.06
	1/29/2015	1,652.00	37.50
	7/15/2015	3,109.00	29.67
	9/3/2015	3,437.00	26.77
	10/23/2015	3,898.00	28.02
	10/11/2016	5,134.00	27.64
	3/30/2017	6,604.00	23.41
Sales:	8/24/2015	3,659.00	25.86
	9/9/2015	3,181.00	26.97
KBC EQUITY FD - AMERICA			
Purchases:	3/11/2013	36,023.00	34.36
	4/2/2013	1,783.00	35.18
	12/3/2013	12,656.00	30.37
	12/5/2013	26,752.00	30.65
	5/15/2014	14,679.00	37.83
	5/28/2014	2,782.00	37.80
	6/12/2014	12,819.00	36.39
	6/19/2014	204,083.00	37.29
	12/2/2014	160,021.00	40.72
	3/3/2015	3,263.00	37.68
	4/30/2015	63,560.00	35.96
	2/29/2016	44,023.00	30.64
	3/21/2016	61,706.00	31.70
	4/1/2016	36,451.00	32.18
	4/25/2016	46,494.00	31.18
	4/29/2016	49,978.00	30.95
	5/26/2016	4,975.00	26.63
	6/30/2016	103,362.00	29.00
	7/29/2016	16,936.00	31.44
Sales:	3/21/2013	872.00	34.49

KBC Asset Management NV

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
3/21/2013	2,932.00	34.60
4/30/2013	4,107.00	37.56
6/7/2013	2,675.00	35.34
6/13/2013	3,033.00	35.93
8/1/2014	48,251.00	39.06
8/8/2014	26,843.00	39.86
9/18/2014	9,310.00	40.53
10/10/2014	22,443.00	39.13
11/5/2014	191,111.00	41.60
1/29/2015	140,944.00	37.50
4/23/2015	3,491.00	36.66
6/10/2015	9,932.00	32.26
8/21/2015	7,979.00	27.11
8/24/2015	20,413.00	25.86
10/2/2015	44,085.00	24.65
11/2/2016	11,349.00	24.18
1/31/2017	110,853.00	25.86
3/2/2017	241,723.00	23.55

**KBC EQUITY FD - BUYBACK
AMERICA**

Purchases:	3/21/2013	872.00	34.49
	4/8/2013	1,091.00	36.14
	4/24/2013	2,262.00	37.10
	5/13/2013	6,925.00	37.68
	8/22/2013	3,752.00	32.58
	10/7/2013	9,857.00	31.41
	12/19/2013	1,156.00	31.36
	6/19/2014	51,766.00	37.29
	6/24/2014	2,845.00	36.36
	7/31/2014	7,678.00	39.24
	8/8/2014	13,839.00	39.86
	8/27/2014	6,532.00	40.76
	9/18/2014	2,975.00	40.52
	10/1/2014	27,330.00	40.42
	11/12/2014	38,019.00	40.50
	11/17/2014	4,135.00	40.95
	11/20/2014	8,493.00	40.50
	12/1/2014	3,656.00	41.10
	12/18/2014	4,526.00	39.48
	1/22/2015	4,843.00	39.37
	2/11/2015	4,518.00	40.52

KBC Asset Management NV

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
	2/23/2015	4,013.00	36.63
	3/2/2015	5,473.00	37.63
	3/13/2015	13,729.00	34.42
	3/19/2015	34,242.00	34.86
	3/23/2015	8,905.00	35.32
	6/22/2015	3,560.00	32.65
	9/17/2015	13,401.00	26.04
	1/29/2016	22,994.00	25.42
	3/11/2016	10,057.00	31.87
	3/21/2016	8,333.00	31.70
	4/29/2016	12,263.00	30.95
	10/31/2016	3,780.00	26.58
Sales:	3/12/2013	489.00	34.62
	6/7/2013	523.00	35.33
	8/26/2013	16,316.00	33.14
	8/21/2014	14,613.00	40.91
	10/10/2014	8,270.00	39.13
	10/13/2014	3,086.00	38.41
	10/16/2014	10,440.00	38.30
	12/16/2014	9,831.00	37.89
	1/30/2015	5,093.00	37.17
	3/24/2015	6,595.00	35.19
	4/30/2015	4,717.00	35.96
	5/6/2015	12,013.00	34.53
	6/4/2015	17,797.00	32.83
	6/10/2015	8,850.00	32.27
	7/1/2015	17,717.00	29.57
	7/27/2015	19,926.00	28.12
	7/31/2015	14,677.00	28.60
	8/12/2015	7,912.00	28.50
	8/21/2015	12,805.00	27.11
	8/24/2015	53,478.00	25.86
	8/26/2015	5,162.00	26.37
	1/20/2016	3,396.00	22.24
	4/25/2016	25,945.00	31.18
	5/23/2016	8,344.00	26.91
	6/3/2016	486.00	27.35
	1/20/2017	53,296.00	25.56

**KBC EQUITY FD - CSOB AKFO
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Purchases:	11/28/2014	1,105.00	40.70
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	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
	1/2/2015	5,248.00	39.59
	4/30/2015	1,005.00	35.96
	11/3/2015	10,168.00	28.49
	3/1/2016	1,772.00	31.12
	4/5/2016	4,626.00	32.10
	5/27/2016	2,695.00	26.81
	8/19/2016	1,008.00	28.84
	1/23/2017	2,004.00	25.81
Sales:	5/3/2016	2,621.00	30.58
	7/1/2016	2,573.00	29.37
	4/3/2017	3,283.00	23.60

KBC EQUITY FD - HL.DIV.NO-AMERICA

Purchases:	3/11/2013	15,000.00	34.36
	4/29/2013	1,500.00	37.46
	5/7/2013	9,497.00	37.02
	5/24/2013	4,888.00	37.28
	3/27/2014	1,022.00	32.59
	9/3/2014	9,357.00	41.02
	12/4/2014	7,430.00	40.05
	1/5/2016	2,401.00	24.99
	5/27/2016	864.00	26.81
	7/25/2016	106,214.00	30.88
	7/29/2016	22,754.00	31.44
	10/4/2016	8,944.00	27.08
	12/1/2016	28,210.00	23.74
Sales:	4/30/2013	2,060.00	37.56
	6/7/2013	2,302.00	35.34
	6/13/2013	2,900.00	35.93
	8/22/2013	2,016.00	32.59
	12/3/2013	19,040.00	30.37
	12/31/2014	5,223.00	39.61
	8/24/2015	753.00	25.86
	1/13/2016	1,948.00	23.02
	2/1/2016	1,471.00	25.90
	3/1/2016	3,655.00	31.12
	7/1/2016	958.00	29.37
	10/31/2016	8,000.00	26.58
	2/1/2017	2,086.00	25.51
	3/3/2017	165,669.00	23.47

KBC Asset Management NV**KBC EQUITY FD - HIGH DIVIDEND**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
Purchases:	11/28/2014	73,762.00	40.83
	12/1/2014	254,626.00	41.19
	2/27/2015	141,923.00	37.80
	8/6/2015	23,478.00	27.93
	11/3/2015	43,819.00	28.49
	4/25/2016	94,975.00	31.18
	4/29/2016	26,024.00	30.95
	5/27/2016	47,825.00	26.81
	6/30/2016	2,631.00	29.01
	7/29/2016	41,880.00	31.44
	9/1/2016	8,022.00	27.74
	1/3/2017	106,126.00	25.36
Sales:	1/2/2015	65,232.00	39.62
	3/19/2015	291,867.00	34.86
	5/5/2015	14,977.00	35.51
	9/3/2015	6,473.00	26.77
	1/5/2016	27,859.00	24.99
	2/1/2016	4,153.00	25.90
	3/1/2016	39,350.00	31.12
	10/31/2016	16,459.00	26.58
	2/1/2017	22,781.00	25.51
	3/3/2017	244,322.00	23.47
	3/23/2017	131,618.00	22.64

KBC EQUITY FD - QUANT GLOBAL**1**

Purchases:	12/1/2014	2,519.00	41.10
	12/15/2014	2,290.00	37.78
	12/18/2014	1,043.00	39.48
	4/1/2016	8,289.00	32.18
Sales:	12/10/2014	606.00	38.40
	1/27/2015	2,173.00	38.79
	10/2/2015	3,073.00	24.65
	10/31/2016	4,475.00	26.58
	3/2/2017	3,814.00	23.55

KBC EQUITY FD - STRATE. TELECOM & TECH

Purchases:	12/3/2013	70,092.00	30.37
	12/5/2013	14,150.00	30.65
	1/23/2014	30,148.00	29.45

KBC Asset Management NV

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
	8/21/2014	6,720.00	40.91
	8/27/2014	5,735.00	40.76
	9/18/2014	8,672.00	40.52
	11/20/2014	17,815.00	40.50
	12/18/2014	17,105.00	39.48
	2/23/2015	21.00	36.63
	3/2/2015	15,337.00	37.63
	1/29/2016	8,753.00	25.42
	4/25/2016	22,098.00	31.18
	4/29/2016	8,086.00	30.95
	6/30/2016	5,477.00	29.01
	7/25/2016	7,859.00	30.88
	7/29/2016	5,502.00	31.44
	1/18/2017	18,783.00	25.47
	5/24/2017	221,371.00	24.94
Sales:	12/12/2013	3,487.00	30.76
	1/31/2014	5,667.00	28.86
	6/19/2014	50,973.00	37.29
	7/31/2014	4,091.00	39.24
	8/4/2014	2,397.00	39.46
	8/8/2014	5,607.00	39.86
	10/10/2014	6,595.00	39.13
	10/16/2014	14,418.00	38.30
	12/16/2014	10,314.00	37.89
	5/27/2015	70,578.00	33.94
	1/20/2016	6,347.00	22.24
	2/8/2016	3,866.00	25.63
	2/10/2016	2,527.00	24.59
	5/23/2016	8,331.00	26.91
	10/24/2016	8,334.00	28.32
	11/2/2016	6,592.00	24.18
	11/4/2016	4,610.00	23.05
	11/17/2016	12,748.00	24.26
	12/15/2016	16,088.00	23.97
	2/17/2017	18,783.00	24.28

KBC EQUITY FD - TELECOM

Purchases:	3/21/2013	5,139.00	34.49
	5/24/2013	4,757.00	37.24
	10/17/2013	32,895.00	33.25
	10/29/2013	1,862.00	33.81

KBC Asset Management NV

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>
	3/21/2016	778.00	31.70
	1/18/2017	8,294.00	25.47
	5/24/2017	1,451.00	24.96
Sales:	4/30/2013	1,839.00	37.57
	6/13/2013	1,118.00	35.93
	12/3/2013	63,708.00	30.37
	7/7/2014	556.00	36.12
	8/5/2014	1,834.00	39.29
	1/28/2015	970.00	38.35
	8/23/2016	2,318.00	29.10
	10/24/2016	545.00	28.32
	11/25/2016	3,023.00	24.66
	12/12/2016	197.00	23.93
	12/15/2016	990.00	23.97
	1/27/2017	3,068.00	25.96
	2/17/2017	426.00	24.28

KBC EQUITY FD - US SMALL CAPS

Purchases:	11/20/2014	53,952.00	40.50
	12/18/2014	3,027.00	39.48
Sales:	4/23/2015	5,586.00	36.66
	6/10/2015	6,886.00	32.26
	7/1/2015	44,507.00	29.57

PRICOS

Purchases:	10/10/2016	200,000.00	27.98
	2/17/2017	6,090.00	24.19
Sales:	5/24/2017	7,357.00	25.17

PRICOS DEFENSIVE

Purchases:	10/10/2016	7,250.00	27.98
	11/22/2016	495.00	25.78
	2/21/2017	595.00	24.30
Sales:	12/16/2016	139.00	24.05
	3/28/2017	134.00	22.50
	5/24/2017	457.00	25.17